been put on Early Production System to assess the reservoir characteristics and during September, 1987 the production was about 127 tonnes.

(d) The cumulative exploratory drilling expenditure incurred by ONGC in Gujarat till 31-3-87 is Rs. 307.22 crores. The corresponding outlay for 1987-88 and 1988-89 are Rs. 63.82 crores and Rs. 66.90 crores respectively.

Grabbing of Costly ONGC Orders

926. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 18th October, 1987 wherein it has been stated that collusion between senior ONGC officers and ex-officers as liaison agents (sometimes through benami companies) often lead to grabbing of costly ONGC orders in return for crores of rupees as commission, Kickbacks from which go down the well-oiled chain of beneficiaries, involving senior officers and politicians; and

(b) if so, whether through investigations into the modus operandi of each such case has been made; if so, what are the findings and follow-up action; if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BHAHM DUTT) :

(a) Government has seen the news item.

(b) The insinuations made in the news report are rather general and vague and as such do not warrant any investigation. However, ONGC's rules and procedures [illegible] malpractices.

Setting up of Bio-Gas Plants

927. SHRI S S AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state

(a) What is the number of bio-gas plants set up by Government during the last three years in the country (yearwise and statewise);

(b) What is the number of bio-gas plants likely to be set up by Government during the next financial year, Statewise;

(c) Whether bio-gas plants will be set up in Bihar during the next three financial years;

(d) If so, what is the expected number thereof and the names of places where they are proposed to be set up; and

(e) If not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) The number of family type biogas plants installed in different Sates, including the plants installed by Khadi and Village Industries Commission during 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87 is given in the Statement-I (*See* below)

(b) Statewise targets for setting up biogas plants for 1987-88 are given in Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) to (e) Promotion of biogas plants is likely to be continued in different States/ Union Territories including Bihar during the remaining period of the Seventh Plan depending upon the allocation of funds for the National Project for Biogas Development.

The Statewise targets are fixed on annual basis and the State Governments and programme implementing agencies including Khadi & Village Industries Commission select the places and beneficiaries for setting up family type biogas plant.

Statement-I

National Project for Biogas Development—Achievements for the period 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87

S. No.	State/Union Territory	Number of Biogas Plants set up			Total
		1984-85	1985-86	1986 87	
1.	Andhra Pradesh	18525	19120	19181	56826
2.	Assam	681	457	1245	2383
3.	Bihar	5634	9744	9642	25020
4.	Gujarat	9451	13563	14534	37548
5.	Haryana	2986	2266	2499	7751
6.	Himachal Pradesh	2510	2650	2850	8010
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	44	155	132	331
8.	Karnataka	9113	8301	11324	28798
9.	Kerala	4236	3937	3424	11597
10.	Madhya Pradesh	4495	5663	4539	14612
11.	Maharashtra	52546	60346	59553	172443
12.	Orissa	2914	5429	4434	12777
13.	Punjab	1943	1807	2478	6228
14.	Rajasthan	8078	5398	4371	17847
15.	Sikkim	—	—	25	25
16.	Tamil Nadu	18340	19513	22079	59933
17.	Uttar Pradesh	27698	28096	31495	87289
18.	West Bengal	3007	3268	6515	12790
19.	Delhi	135	80	112	327
20.	Goa, Daman & Diu	189	156	143	488
21.	Mizoram	1	115	154	270
22.	Pondicherry	95	65	30	190
23.	Others (States/UTs)	70	29	74	173
	Grand Total	172601	190222	200833	563656

Statement-II

National Project for Biogas Development—Targets for 1987-88.

S. No.	State/U. Territory/Agency	Target (No. of Plants)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	10,000
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	5
3.	Assam	2,000
4.	Bihar	5,000
5.	Goa, Daman & Diu	100
6.	Gujrat	7,500
7.	Haryana	2,000
8.	Himachal Pradesh	3,000
9.	J & K	100
10.	Karnataka	5,000
11.	Kerala	2,500
12.	Madhya Pradesh	2,000
13.	Maharashtra	30,000
14.	Manipur	15
15.	Meghalaya	50
16.	Mizoram	60
17.	Nagaland	10
18.	Orissa	3,000
19.	Punjab	1,300
20.	Rajasthan	3,000
21.	Tamil Nadu	13,000
22.	Sikkim	30
23.	Tripura	10
24.	Uttar Pradesh	18,000
25.	West Bengal	3,000
26.	Andaman & Nicobar	5
27.	Chandigarh	5
28.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	10
29.	Delhi	100
30.	Pondicherry	100
31.	Khadi & Village Industries Commission	10,000
	TOTAL	1,20,000